

### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend the claims as follows:

1 – 26. (CANCELLED)

27. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) An isolated nucleic acid comprising:

(a) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide shown in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:7);

(b) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide shown in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:7), lacking its associated signal peptide;

(c) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:7);

(d) a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:7), lacking its associated signal peptide;

(e) the nucleic acid sequence shown in Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO:6);

(f) the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence shown in Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO:6); or

(g) the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203661.

28. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 27 comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide shown in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:7).

29. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 27 comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the polypeptide shown in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:7), lacking its associated signal peptide.

30. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 27 comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:7).

31. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 27 comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding the extracellular domain of the polypeptide shown in Figure 4 (SEQ ID NO:7), lacking its associated signal peptide.

32. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 27 comprising the nucleic acid sequence shown in Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO:6).

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33. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 27 comprising the full-length coding sequence of the nucleic acid sequence shown in Figure 3 (SEQ ID NO:6).

34. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The isolated nucleic acid of Claim 27 comprising the full-length coding sequence of the cDNA deposited under ATCC accession number 203661.

35 – 41. (CANCELLED)